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3 The Honorable Barbara J. Rothstein  
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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
7 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
8 AT SEATTLE

9 IN RE: PHENYLPROPANOLAMINE  
10 (PPA) PRODUCTS LIABILITY  
11 LITIGATION,  
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MDL NO. 1407

ORDER EXTENDING STAY  
RE: HURRICANE KATRINA

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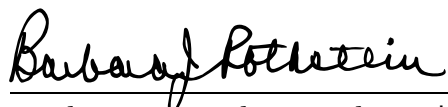
Inasmuch as many of the cases in MDL 1407 come from jurisdictions in Mississippi, Louisiana or Alabama, and inasmuch as these states have been severely affected by Hurricane Katrina, which touched down in the early morning hours of Monday, August 29, 2005, the court has been unable to effect service of pleadings to attorneys in some cases through the Electronic Case Management system ("ECF"), due to the fact that many servers are down in the affected regions. The court also understands that mail service is on hold in certain areas. Therefore, the court finds that service, either through ECF, or by regular mail, would be ineffective at this time on at least some parties in affected regions.

1 On September 6, 2005, as an emergency measure, this court  
2 entered a broad and temporary stay of all cases from transferor  
3 jurisdictions in Mississippi, Louisiana and Alabama. At this time,  
4 the court extends that stay for ten days, from September 13, 2005,  
5 through September 26, 2005.

6 Parties to any case currently stayed by order of this court  
7 relating to Hurricane Katrina may contact the court and ask that  
8 a case be exempted from the stay.

9 Counsel for plaintiffs and counsel for defendants are  
10 instructed to meet and confer, and then provide the court with an  
11 agreed upon list of specific cases in MDL 1407 for which a more  
12 extended stay will be necessary. Counsel should file this list  
13 with the court no later than September 26, 2005.

14 SO ORDERED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2005.

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19 U.S. District Court Judge  
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